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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0024-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kazushi TAHARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2857
Application No.: 10/648,341) Examiner: Jeffrey R. West
Filed: August 27, 2003) Confirmation No.: 3400
For: PART MAINTENANCE SYSTEM)
AND PART MAINTENANCE)
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR)
PROCESSING SYSTEM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT


In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") of December 14, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a **Corrected Amendments to the Claims** section in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The Notice asserts that the "amendment cannot be entered because claim 14 is amended, but is labeled with the status of 'Previously Presented.'" The **Corrected Amendments to the Claims** section filed herewith lists the status of claim 14 as "(Currently Amended)" in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 6-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 9, 2007

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